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Dear Mr. Niemela and Mr. Worthams:

LAP Small Safety Project Survey Questions

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is seeking your feedback on the current MDOT Local Agency Programs, Local Safety Program, High Risk Rural Road Program, and Local Safety Initiative Program, in order to evaluate our current procedures. We are particularly interested in identifying areas of improvement in the programs and how to better deliver small safety related projects (less than \$75,000). Your thoughts and opinions will assist us in improving our procedures and expedite the delivery of small safety related projects on locally owned roadway systems. Please take some time and complete this survey and **return it to MDOT by May 2, 2008**. If you need additional space for your comments, please attach additional pages to this survey.

- 1) If MDOT identified a high crash area on your roadway system, would your agency be willing to implement a project if Preliminary Engineering (PE) and/or Construction Engineering (CE) were reimbursable items?
- 2) Would your agency submit additional projects if PE and CE were funded through the project?
- 3.) Would your agency be supportive of combining projects from surrounding geographic counties/cities for Design and Construction efficiency for small safety projects? If not, what problems do you foresee with this approach?
- 4.) If MDOT were to fund and manage the services of a consultant for the purpose of conducting the PE and/or CE for small safety improvement projects for local agencies, would your agency submit projects? If not, what are the reasons your agency would not submit projects?

- 5.) What other support services would you like to see MDOT develop that could assist local agencies identify and implement small safety related projects?
- 6.) Do you feel the process for submitting projects, as listed in the call for projects notices, is too lengthy and complicated for small safety related projects? Please describe any existing barriers and/or changes you would suggest.
- 7.) Is adequate time given to local agencies to design and construct a safety project in a specified fiscal year?
- 8.) What other suggestions do you have to improve the Local Safety Programs process to make it more conducive for your agency to participate?

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jim D'Lamater, P.E., MDOT Safety Engineer, at (517) 335-2224 or email at [dlamaterj@michigan.gov](mailto:dlamaterj@michigan.gov). Please send all responses to:

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